

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 23, 2019

The Honorable John J. Sullivan  
U.S. Department of State  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Deputy Secretary Sullivan:

As part of the House of Representatives' ongoing impeachment inquiry, our Committees have now obtained detailed information identifying specific documents in the possession, custody, or control of the Department of State that are directly and highly relevant to the inquiry.

These documents include information central to the inquiry's core area of investigation: the President's efforts to press Ukraine to initiate investigations that would benefit his personal and political interests, and not the national interest. These records include, but are not limited to:

- Written readouts and write-ups of meetings and conversations that document activity and conduct under investigation by the Committees;
- Email correspondence that pertains directly to matters under investigation that occurred both *before* and *after* President Trump's July 25, 2019, call with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky;
- Diplomatic cables that relate, among other issues, to the President's decision to withhold vital military aid to Ukraine and document interactions with Ukrainian officials about matters under investigation;
- Text messages and electronic communications, including from personal devices, from witnesses in the inquiry; and
- Memoranda to file drafted by Department officials, including memoranda that document efforts to press Ukraine to initiate politically-motivated investigations to benefit President Trump and that raise concerns about false representations by the Department to the Committees and that document efforts to intimidate or silence employees.

The Department has not produced any documents—including those referenced above—in response to the subpoena issued by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, in consultation with the Intelligence and Oversight and Reform Committees, on September 27, 2019. The Department continues to withhold these and other documents, even as current and former Department employees have testified before the Committees, and despite the Department's unfounded and unsuccessful efforts to block their appearance or limit their testimony.

The Committees consider the refusal to comply with a duly authorized congressional subpoena as obstruction of the lawful functions of Congress and of the impeachment inquiry. Because the Committees have gathered evidence about the direct relevance of these documents,

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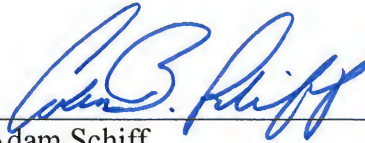
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including highly significant information contained in these materials that pertain to allegations that the President abused the power of his office for personal political benefit, the Committees may draw the inference that their nonproduction indicates that these documents support the allegations against the President and others.

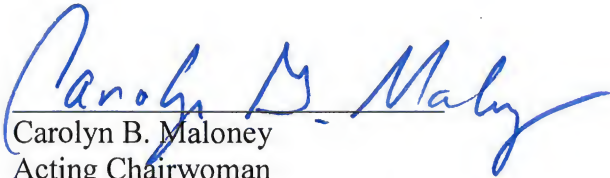
Sincerely,



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Chairman  
House Committee on Foreign Affairs



Adam Schiff  
Chairman  
House Permanent Select Committee  
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The Honorable Jim Jordan, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Oversight and Reform